



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LEAGUE ACADEMY

Greenville

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 761

Principal: Merry L. Cox

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT

8

GOOD

15

AVERAGE

4

BELOW AVERAGE

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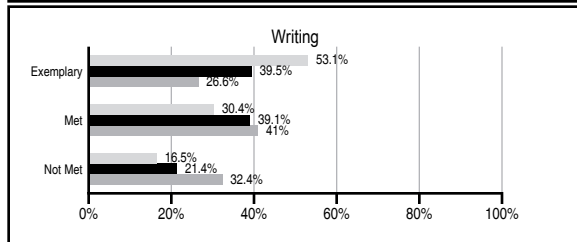
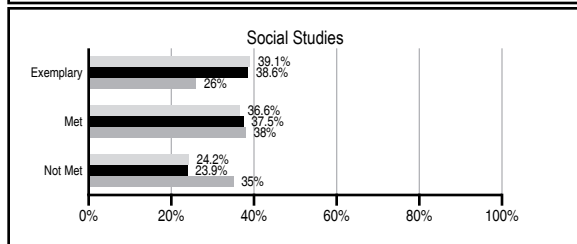
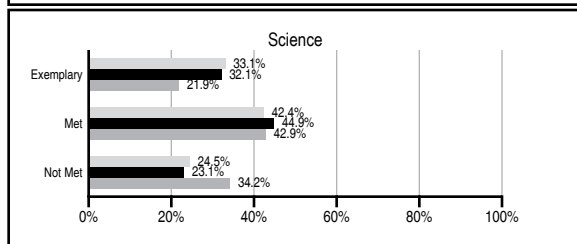
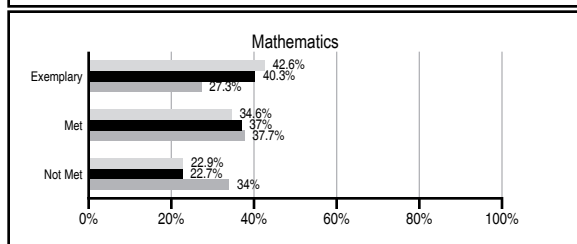
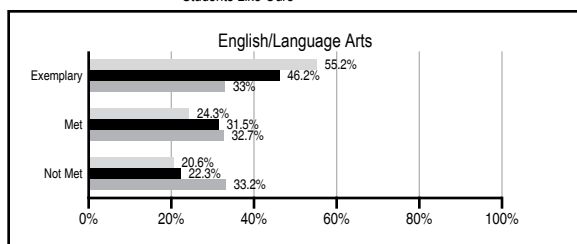
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\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING - GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	32	44	23	2
Nation	26	43	28	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

### MATH - GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	98.5
English 1	100.0	93.4
Physical Science	N/A	73.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	100.0
All Subjects	100.0	97.8

## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

### 2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

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# LEAGUE ACADEMY [Greenville]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=761)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	45.3%	Up from 35.3%	40.2%	24.2%
Retention rate	1.1%	Up from 0.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.8%	96.6%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	36.6%	Down from 37.5%	23.6%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.5%	Down from 10.5%	10.0%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0.6%	1.1%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=47)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.2%	Down from 55.3%	58.8%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	83.0%	Up from 78.7%	83.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.3%	Down from 2.5%	2.7%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.1%	Up from 82.8%	86.8%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 95.2%	95.6%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,131	Up 0.7%	\$48,626	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	9.7 days	Down from 10.1 days	8.8 days	10.2 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.3 to 1	Up from 22.4 to 1	22.4 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.2%	Up from 91.7%	91.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.5%	98.4%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,796	Up 3.9%	\$7,043	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.2%	Up from 62.7%	66.8%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.4%	Up from 59.5%	63.7%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 92.6%	93.1%	92.3%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	217	117
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	77.0%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.0%	85.6%	94.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.0%	90.2%	85.5%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

League Academy of Communication Arts is an urban magnet school comprised of grades 6-8 with an arts integration focus. Our facility is state-of-the-art, including 50 classrooms, an arts wing, auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria, media center and computer labs. Our motto of "Hands on Today, Eyes on Tomorrow" and mission statement of "Challenge – Create – Communicate!" exemplify the way we believe our students learn. At League, students have the unique opportunity to take a wide variety and level of arts classes. Content teachers plan with the fine arts teachers to develop high quality arts integrated lessons to raise student achievement. Technology is used by teachers and students through the use of more than 150 wireless laptop computers, Promethean Boards and digital and video cameras.

Our student enrollment of about 760 is made up of a great diversity of students. Parents, community and staff work to raise the academic challenge and performance of each student at League and to provide a school environment supportive of learning, all the while striving to integrate a high quality arts program into our curriculum.

Our PACT and PASS scores and MAP scores continue to be higher than the district and state averages, and our school improvement plan is focused on increasing student achievement in each content area.

League's professional staff is made up of 50 teachers, 3 administrators, and support staff which include a media specialist, 2 guidance counselors, a magnet coordinator, and an instructional coach. Fifty-five percent of our professional staff has more than 10 years experience, with an average experience of 14.7 years, and over 62% have earned a Masters degree or higher. Four teachers are National Board Certified. Our teachers have been recognized at the school, district, state and national level for their excellent work. Many students were recognized at the school, district, state and national level for their academic and artistic achievements. Our fine arts students perform twice a year at League in art, dance, drama, band, strings and chorus.

We have PTA and SIC involvement throughout the year. As a joint effort, our PTA/SIC work together to sponsor parent workshops. Parents receive a weekly announcement from the principal to keep them informed of current events. An award created and sponsored by the SIC, the Dr. Richard Maag Arts Integration Award, is annually given to a teacher for exceptional arts integration in the classroom. We held schoolwide Student Led Conferences two times this year to improve communication with parents.

League staff and students are recognized for their extraordinary gifts and talents, including the prestigious Red Carpet Award and National PTA School of Excellence. Our school improvement plan or school portfolio guides our purchases, resources, decisions and budget. The mission, vision and goals support our work to raise student achievement for each student. Please visit our website at <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/league> to read our school portfolio or learn more about League Academy of Communication Arts in Greenville, SC.

Merry L. Cox, Principal and Don Reamer, SIC Chair

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